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| In re Application of | § | Art Group: 6672 |
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| For: Filter for a Drill String | § | |

December 4, 2006

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 13, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on December 13, 2007. The Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered and considered, as the Applicants believe that it puts the application in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: